

**Medical Society of the State of New York  
Heart, Lung, Cancer Committee  
October 18, 2017  
8 a.m. – 9 a.m.**

**Webex**

**Present**

Robert Dracker, MD, Chair  
Brian Strizik, MD, Vice-Chair  
Clare Bradley, MD  
David Fishman, MD  
Janine Fogerty, MD  
Clauden Louis, MD  
Bonnie Liebers, Alliance  
Frank Dowling, MD Commissioner

**Absent**

Alfred Tinger, MD  
Gino Bottino, MD  
Sherise Rogers, MD, MPH  
San-San Wynn, MD

**Excused**

Joanne Cobler, MD

**MSSNY Staff**

Pat Clancy, SR Vice President,  
Public Health & Education,  
Managing Director, Division of  
Governmental Affairs  
Terri Homes, Secretary

1 **1) Welcome/Introductions:** The committee was asked to check their contact information and  
2 forward any changes/corrections to MSSNY staff.

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4 **2) Adoption of Minutes:** April 26, 2017 adopted as written.

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6 **3) Setting of Three Priorities:**

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- Revisit and Revise MSSNY Policy 125
- The importance of insurance coverage for Cardiology and Pulmonary Rehab
- The high cost of new treatment & therapy

One committee member, who is a cardiologist, stated that there is significant long standing value with both cardiology & pulmonary rehab. It was agreed by the members that there have been many changes in the guidelines so reviewing current policy is necessary. Ms. Clancy agreed to forward the current MSSNY policy to the committee members for review and input. Many of the new treatments/therapy coming out are very effective but the costs are prohibitive. The idea that insurance companies don't want to pay for genetic testing even though its proven to be cost effective and increase survival overall and should be addressed because its preventative. It was stated that the genetic testing piece should be incorporated into the policy as a preventive measure.

- 1 **4) 2018 Committee Meeting Dates:** January 24, 2018; April 18, 2018 and October 17,
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- 4 **5) Adjournment:** Next meeting January 24, 2018